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Topic Soviet Troops in Weimar

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1. On 18 April 1951, the Panzer Kaserne on Jenaerstrasse, Weimar, still quartered about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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2. No movements were observed in the Polizei Kaserno on Rosenthalstrasse. Passenger car [] which was once seen entering the billeting area, was the only vehicle observed.

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3. It was learned that the SCC headquarters in Weimar would soon move to Dessau.

4. Because the barracks installation on Eitersberg was under heavy guard on 18 April, no observations could be made with regard to activities in the billeting area. Motor vehicles [] and vehicles []

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[redacted] were seen on route to the installation:

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5. Despite a substantial decrease in the training activity at the Flak Kaserne on Ettersburger Chaussee, the installation still quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, included some with artillery insignia. About 20 soldiers received instruction on a radar set in front of the ordnance sheds. Trucks [] were identified in the billeting area. On 30 April, the gun emplacement on Ettersberg was still unoccupied. (1)

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6. The eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne still quartered about 100 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and the central section about 800 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified in the central section. The western section of the Tannenberg Kaserne was occupied by German Volkspolizei. (2)

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7. The eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne quartered about 400 troops with red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Motor vehicle [] was observed there. The central section of the billeting area was occupied by about 700 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, some with signal insignia. Vehicles [] were observed with the troops. The western section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne housed a hospital, near which vehicle [] was observed. The gun emplacement at the gas works was still unoccupied on 29 April. (3)

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8. The Mueller Kaserne quartered about 400 troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with signal insignia. Motor vehicles [] apparently belonged to these troops. (4)

9. The Flieger Kaserne, Nohra, still quartered about 4,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. Despite the large number of troops, hardly any training activity was observed on 23 and 30 April. Apart from numerous fresh tank tracks and the loud noise of motors, no movements were noticed. Motor vehicles [] and vehicles [] were observed in the billeting area. (5)

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Comments.

(1) The information indicates no change in the occupation of the Flak Kaserne.

(2) [] a small unit of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets is quartered in the eastern section of the Tannenberg Kaserne. Its identity had not been determined, however. [] The central section of the billeting area is occupied by the 257th Motor Trans Bn of the Eighth Gds Army. The battalion may have been absent from the installation for a short period of time. [] the barracks section to have been vacant in the second half of April 1951, whereas the present report does not indicate the absence of the unit. []

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(3) The information indicates that the eastern section of the Luetzendorf Kaserne still quartered a component of the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army although [] that also this unit had been away from the installation in the second half of April 1951. []

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(4) The 446th Sig Bn of the Eighth Gds Army is carried in the Mueller Kaserne.

(5) According to previous information by [] elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div with rocket launchers and heavy mortars left the Nohra Fliegerhorst on 18 April 1951, probably going by rail to Ohrdruf. []

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